



## SHELLING GREEN PEAS

I sing you a ditty of a damsel so pretty,  
Who liv'd from the city some seventeen miles  
Her name is Maria her worthy old sire,  
Was clerk & town crier his name wa John  
Stylee,

With lips like the cherry a smile too so merry

I thought her the very one suited to please  
And when I first met her & tried hard to  
get her,

[peas  
For worse for better she was shelling green

Under the trees a bowl on her knees,  
Maria sat silently shelling green peas,

I'd long lov'd her dearly truly sincerely,

At length I thought realy I'd settle in life  
Although aged fifty I'd been very thrifthy

And thought it was high time to be taking

a wife,

With bosom on fire in search of Maria  
Through lanes of wild-briar o'er shadow'd

by trees,

I strol'd to the spot where outside her cot  
there,

[peas  
She was sitting so patting shelling green

I stept'd up unto her commenacing to woo

her,

I said that no treer fond oearth could be found  
Than mine if she'd take me some morning

& make me

The happiest mortal for twenty miles round  
I said our life might be one round of delight

Like the littlebirds singing upon the green

trees,

To a whisper then dropping my voice with

but stopping,

[the peas  
The question was popping as she popp'd

No answer she made & I was much afraid

That this beautiful maid had not heard all I

said,

At her feet kneel'ng I tried to be stealing

A kiss when came reeling her hand on my

head,

[rage  
Do you think I'd eagege she cried out in a

With a man twice my age so clear out if

you please,

In a terrible passion at meshe sent crashing

On my head smashing the bowl of guen p. as

By way of addend she said sir remember

That may & d-e-mber can never unite,

Your leave sir bo taking my neck nearly

breaking,

I made mx escape in a terrible frigt

I never will marry but sing a will carry.

Tho' freinds & acquaintance do nothing but

teare,

Whenever they meet me in this style they

greet me,

[peas  
'Old boy what's the pr'e of lamb & green

Yes how they tease whenever the please

By shouting out after me lamb & greenpeas